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Padres fans Alex Stephens (left) and Cristina Velasco point to the field as they watch Thursday's opener at Petco Park.

OPENING DAY

A RITE OF SPRING WORTH CELEBRATING

The glory of Opening Day is a reminder that baseball has always been our one constant



NICK CANEPA
Columnist

For the past half-century, baseball's Opening Day has been a movable feast. Thursday, it simply was a feast — for the eyes, the 5-plus-1 senses — the sixth being the game itself, all encompassing, the one that includes the five others. You have to go back 50 years to find a moment when all teams had Opening Days on the same date, a first for 30 teams (although weather canceled two games). And this is how it should be, how it was March 29. And it's even better when the Padres

are home for Opening Day, as they were Thursday to meet the Brewers at freshly mowed and laundered Petco Park, fans basically filling the joint, under a blue spring umbrella. Opening Day is Charlie Brown awakening to a seamed sun. It so reminds me of one of my favorite film passages, from "Field of Dreams" and the magnificent James Earl Jones' Terence Mann telling Ray Kinsella: "... And they'll walk out to the bleach- SEE CANEPA • A8

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- **D1 • Bryce Miller:** Even on tough days, new Padre Eric Hosmer has impact.
- **D4 • Off the air:** Radio host who caused uproar is no-show for his debut.

QUALCOMM BOARD IS RE-ELECTED, BUT VOTERS LUKEWARM

Shareholders indicate lower support after Broadcom bid

BY MIKE FREEMAN

Shareholder support for Qualcomm's board of directors took a nose dive this year compared with the prior year, as Broadcom's hostile takeover attempt fueled shareholder frustration with the San Diego company's lagging performance. The cellular technology giant announced results late Thursday of shareholder balloting for its board and other corporate matters. Its annual meeting was held last week. All of Qualcomm's board nominees were re-elected with a majority of votes cast by shareholders. But they received significantly less support than they did a year ago. Chief Executive Steve Mollenkopf got 665.9 million votes in favor of his re-election. There were 171.8 million "withheld" votes, which signals non-support. Last year, Mollenkopf received 1.1 billion votes for re-election, with 4 million SEE QUALCOMM • A9



CEO Steve Mollenkopf

DEPORTED VET CLEARED TO BECOME U.S. CITIZEN

Barajas worked to support deportees for years in Tijuana

BY KATE MORRISSEY

Hector Barajas, who became the face and voice of deported veterans after his own deportation, will be allowed to return to the place he considers home and become a U.S. citizen. Barajas burst into joyous tears seated on a couch Thursday afternoon in front of a large American flag as he read a document informing him that he would be sworn in as a citizen on April 13 in San Diego. "Fourteen years, man," Hector said, his voice cracking. "Oh, my God, this is great. Hallelujah! Hallelujah!" "I'm coming home, mom!" he added. Nathan Fletcher, a candidate for county supervisor who has championed the deported veteran's cause, sat beside Barajas on the couch, his hand rubbing Barajas' shoulder in congratulations. Norma Chávez-Peterson, executive director of the American Civil Liberties SEE CITIZEN • A7



Hector Barajas

NO MARCH MIRACLE, BUT WATER SUPPLY SUFFICIENT

Previous wet year left California with nice surplus

BY ROBERT KRIER

Much of California, very dry at the end of February, had a welcome wet March. But it wasn't a March miracle. Fortunately for both state and local water supplies, a miracle wasn't needed. Both are in good shape, authorities say. "We have sufficient supplies through 2018 and into the foreseeable future, regardless of weather conditions," said Alexi Schnell, water resources special-

ist for the San Diego County Water Authority. "Our local water storage is at 50 percent of capacity. That's not considered low by any means. We're in a good place." Statewide, reservoir storage is above 106 percent of normal for this time of year. The snow-pack that was far below normal on March 1 nearly tripled after a solid month, although it is still well below normal. "We've been shying away SEE MARCH • A11



Ryan Foster, 25, scrapes his car near Donner Summit during a storm March 1 that brought significant snow.

RANDY PENCH AP

POLITICS

RUSSIA WILL EXPEL 60 U.S. DIPLOMATS AS TENSIONS RISE

■ **A10 • Russia** escalates a confrontation with the West over the poisoning of a former Russian spy in Britain, saying it would expel 60 U.S. diplomats. It's in retaliation for the West's expulsion of Russian officials.

EPA SET TO ROLL BACK FUEL ECONOMY TARGETS FOR VEHICLES

Weakening standards likely to trigger legal battle with California

BY EVAN HALPER

WASHINGTON The Trump administration is poised to abandon America's pioneering fuel economy targets for cars and SUVs, a move that

would undermine one of the world's most aggressive programs to confront climate change and invite another major confrontation with California. The Environmental Protection Agency is expected to announce in the coming days that it will scrap mileage targets the Obama administration drafted in tandem with California that aim to boost average fuel economy for passenger cars and SUVs

to 55 miles per gallon by 2025, according to people familiar with the plans. The agency plans to replace those targets with a weaker standard that will be unveiled soon, according to the people, who did not want to be identified discussing the plan before it was announced. EPA spokeswoman Liz Bowman said a draft determination was undergoing interagency re-

view and a final decision would be made by Sunday. EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt has previously suggested that he thinks the targets are too onerous for manufacturers and inhibit them from selling the vehicles most popular with Americans. Pruitt has questioned mainstream science on the warming caused by greenhouse gases such as auto emissions. SEE EMISSIONS • A9

THE NATION

SHOOTING VICTIM MOURNED

Family and friends attend the funeral of Stephon Clark, who was shot to death by Sacramento police. His death has prompted angry protests. A2

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